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Letter from Anne Whitney, Boston, Massachusetts,  
to Maria Weston Chapman, Weymouth,  
Massachusetts, 1885 January 28

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The rapidity of this ascent from  
"possibly a little improvement" to  
these jubilant outbursts might move  
my special wonder were it not that  
the sentiment is lost sight of in self-  
congratulation. How delightful it is!  
I decline interrupted June ode to  
mean that you were coming up. ? -  
What if I came Wed. P. M. Jan.  
28. & why not come for 2 nights.  
to make sure of the needed strength  
for the return journey ?

I work from 9 to between 1 & 2.  
& the more the terra wastes - You  
know. Abby has had a cold - but

has worked & walked thro. it all.  
& now is steadily on the ascent.  
When Sumner said that bar<sup>m</sup> & liv<sup>n</sup>  
couldn't coexist he did not understand  
the sort of progress that democracy  
makes in its advance to supreme power.  
If those two can't coexist Society will  
be torn up by the roots. & I don't know  
but this is to be the result of it all. It  
isn't a blinded savage <sup>chained</sup> raging in his den  
but a wild beast on the highway whose  
natural weapons of claws & teeth are  
supplemented with promises fine. It  
is a pity humanity doesn't grow like a  
statue - all points advancing simultaneously.  
"Ah - how beautiful thou wilt be conspire  
to grasp this every frame of thy's entire self."  
Wednesday - save thou? Monday.



Mrs. Chapman  
Weymouth  
Mass.